



**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1908-09 —** Posed in front of the former Provo Fire Station which was on the present City and County Building block facing north, east of the present city hall, are members of the volunteer fire department in the years 1908-09, with the original hose wagon which was sold to Payson in 1910. Members from left: Standing in front — Warren Ferre, John Durrant, Roy Boren, W. E. (Will) Harding, Carl

Christianson, David Joveless, two unidentified men, Miles Davis, William Olson, Edward Johnson, Frank Roper, Arthur Harris, and Joseph Stubbs. In buggy — Fire Chief Joseph W. Loveless on left and Robert Boardman, assistant chief, on right. On hose wagon — Dean Strong (driving — still living today) Leo H. Bean and James Markman. On fire engine — Don Parks (driving) and William Strong.

## Old Fireman Reminisces On Horse-Volunteer Era Of Provo's Fire Department

More than a dozen pieces of modern fire-fighting equipment served by an efficient and well-organized department are a testimonial to the growth of Provo since the turn of the century.

Only one man is now living who has personal knowledge of the changes in the department since that time. He is Dean Strong, now 87 years old, who, according to official records, joined the Provo Volunteer Fire Department in 1900.

Despite his advanced years, Mr. Strong has a clear recall

then driven to the scene of the fire with whatever volunteer help was available.

This arrangement, which had existed for more than 10 years, may have sufficed for the nineties; but, by 1904, was no longer sufficient to meet the needs of a fast growing community such as Provo. The State Board of Insanity (as it was then called) even threatened to move the State Hospital to Salt Lake City unless Provo's fire-fighting facilities were greatly improved.



## Sports Score

ved his hand and claimed. North and South felt that they could have reached seven. South contended that when he got out of his way to rebid diamonds before showing his long club support, South could have afforded to bid in clubs.

South felt that North could have afforded to bid six clubs instead of only five.

was drawn into the discussion and felt that there were a lot of ways to reach seven, but neither partner had thought up the one bad bid of hand.

am probably getting old-fashioned, but it seems to me there was no reason for South to rebid one spade on a ace card suit when he had a natural two club rebid.

ad North made that logical bid, South would probably have jumped to four clubs. South then could have bid four clubs. This could be read as a cue bid showing the ace. In South might well have gone right to the grand slam. Incidentally, if West had made a trump, South would have made seven, even though the play would not have been quite as simple.

**NORTH (D) 17**  
 ♠ A 8 5  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A K Q 7 6  
 ♣ Q 10 8 3

**WEST EAST**  
 ♠ K Q J 3 2 ♠ 10 9 7  
 ♥ K Q 8 6 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ J 8 2 ♦ 10 9 5 4  
 ♣ 2 ♣ 6 5 4

## St. Francis Church Gets New Pastors

Father Colman Colloty, OFM, pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church for the past eight years, and Father Hilary Hobrecht, OFM, assistant pastor for the past three, have been assigned to other duties and will leave Provo, parish officers announced today.

Father Colman will be succeeded at Provo by Father Ernest Wilson, OFM, who has been principal of St. Mary's High School, Phoenix, Ariz.

Father Hilary will be replaced by Father Foster Galligan, OFM, so that the Provo contingent of Franciscans will consist of Fathers Ernest, Foster and Felician and Brother Anthony. The latter two will continue their duties.

Father Colman, who brought nationwide attention to his parish with a successful campaign to buy three school buses with nothing but trading stamps, will be pastor of Sts. Simeon and Jude Church at Huntington Beach, Calif.

Father Hilary will be pastor of the church attached to the old California mission at San Miguel, Calif.

As pastor of St. Francis Church, Father Colman was responsible for the administration of St. Francis School, and during his term in Provo, he led a building program which added a high school wing, a music room, shower and locker rooms and expanded living quarters for the nuns who teach at the school. The school also has been

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 Uinta — Operation Petticoat plus Pillow Talk  
 Pioneer — Viva Las Vegas with E. Presley  
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Geneva — The Pink Panther plus The Notorious Land Lady  
 Scera — Wild and Wonderful with T. Curtis

Timpanogos — Palm Springs Weekend plus A Yank in Viet Nam

### SPRINGVILLE

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### Songs PAYSON

Huish — The Incredible Journey by W. Disney  
 PLEASANT GROVE  
 Grove — Surf Party plus The Young Swingers  
 AMERICAN FORK  
 Coral — The Prize with P. Newman  
 LEHI  
 Royal — Captain Newman with G. Peck

### BIGGEST KILLER

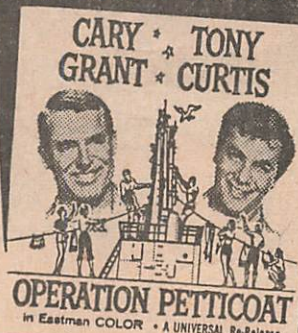
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lection of past events.

In 1904, he became one of two regular, full-time employees of the department, and continued as such until 1910, when he resigned to accept other employment, although still continuing to act as a volunteer fireman until 1920.

#### **Prior to 1904**

Before 1904, only one man was usually on daytime duty at the fire station; and, as part of his duties, was required to sprinkle Center Street as far as Second West and University Avenue to Third South Street.

In case of fire, the team was transferred as quickly as possible from the sprinkler wagon to the hose cart or to the fire engine, depending on whether or not the fire was within the city waterworks system, and

To meet these and other demands, a new Volunteer Fire Department was organized, the practice of using the fire team for sprinkling was discontinued, and the presence of two men on duty at all times was provided for. In order to accomplish this and at the same time keep within a very limited budget, it was necessary to arrange for the services, on a part-time basis, of the teamsters employed in the Streets Department, each of whom was required to become a member of the fire department and spend part of his time on duty at the fire station.

These and many other reforms and improvements were carried out under the supervision of Joseph W. Loveless, who had been appointed fire chief on April 20, 1903, and who continued as chief until June 30, 1920, when he resigned.

#### **New Pumper**

The horse-drawn steam fire engine was discarded in 1917 after the purchase of a right-hand drive American La France Pumper Truck, which was equipped with ladders on the side, a 40 gallon soda and acid tank with 150 feet of small rubber hose, a pump run by the truck engine with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute. In addition, this truck carried 1250 feet of regular two and one-half inch fire hose, and was the very latest in fire-fighting equipment at that time.

The mechanization of the department was completed in 1918, when the bed of the hose wagon was transferred to a Studebaker truck, and the fire horses were assigned to the Streets Department as a work team. At this time the department was reorganized, and the main reliance placed on five full-time firemen. However, the Volunteer System was still maintained and its membership increased to provide for any emergency, until it was finally disbanded on Jan. 1, 1922.

#### **Era of the Horse**

Mr. Strong, who drove the fire team for a period of six years, gives an interesting account of how the horse-drawn equipment functioned.

The horses were kept in stalls on either side of the hose wagon, and were released by pushing an electric button on the second floor, where the men had their quarters. The horses at once took their places on the tongue of the wagon, and the harnesses were lowered onto their backs by the driver, after he had taken his seat.



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